

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 24-02-19 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to bidding requirements for construction contracts.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-02-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **24-02-19. Request for bids - How solicited.**

7 Any request for bids for construction work or the improvement of any state highway, or any  
8 structure in excess of the amount specified in section 24-02-17, must be advertised by  
9 publication once prior to the opening of such bids, ~~in the official newspaper of the county in~~  
10 ~~which the project is located. Any other advertisement made by the.~~ The director may utilize one  
11 ~~or more of~~ use the following methods to advertise:

- 12 1. ~~The publication of the solicitation in a daily newspaper having a general circulation in~~  
13 ~~the area where the project is located~~ Online publication on the department's website or  
14 other electronic format.
- 15 2. The publication of the solicitation in commonly recognized trade journals or similar  
16 publications that advertise the solicitation of bids on public work projects.
- 17 3. The written solicitation of all qualified contractors appearing on the bidders' list as  
18 maintained by the department of transportation.

19 When the solicitation is by publication, it must be made at least three weeks prior to the  
20 date of the bid opening. The solicitation must state where the bidder may inspect the plans and  
21 specifications, with whom bids must be filed, and the time and place where bids must be  
22 opened. Such place must be the office of the department.

23 All requests for bids for the purchase of equipment, materials, and supplies, exclusive of  
24 repairs to equipment and except as provided in section 25-16.2-02 in excess of the sum of

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- 1 twenty thousand dollars must be advertised in the official newspaper of the county in which the
- 2 ~~department district is located~~as required by this section. The advertisement must be published
- 3 once a week for a period of two successive weeks prior to the opening of such bids.